24th November 1955]

Grants to aided elementary schools

* 2830 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any aided elementary schools in Malabar were not paid their grants for December 1954 and January 1955 until so late as February 12th, 1955; and

(b) if so, how many and for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) According to the programme for payment of teaching grant approved by Government, there will be no payments in the month of January. The final instalment of grant, i.e., grant for December, the balance of grant for November, along with the maintenance grant is payable in the second week of February only and the grant for January is payable in the third week of February. It is very likely that there may be cases in which grants are paid after the 12th February also.

Cauvery-Mettur Project area in Tanjore

* 2831 Q.—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri P. Venkatesha Sholagar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the acreage included under temporary ayacut of Vadavar, Vennar division in Cauvery-Mettur Project area in Tanjore district; and

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to bring them under permanent ayacut?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) & (b) There is no such distinction as temporary and permanent ayacut in respect of the ayacut under Vadavar. The ayacut of 24,256 acres of Vadavar up to Moovarakottai regulator is the old permanent ayacut of that river included in the Cauvery Delta System. The ayacut below the regulator, comprising an extent of 35,893 acres is the ayacut of Vadavar Extension Canal and its branches, which comes under the Cauvery-Mettur Project. This is also treated as permanent ayacut under the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

Residential Basic Schools for Harijans

* 2832 Q.—SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to open Residential Basic Schools for Harijans in the Wynaad taluk; and

(b) if so, when and how many?